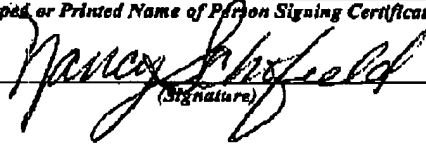
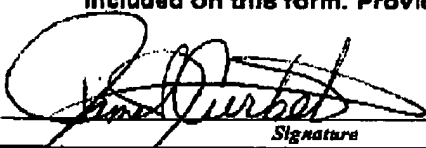


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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005. Please amend the Application as follows: